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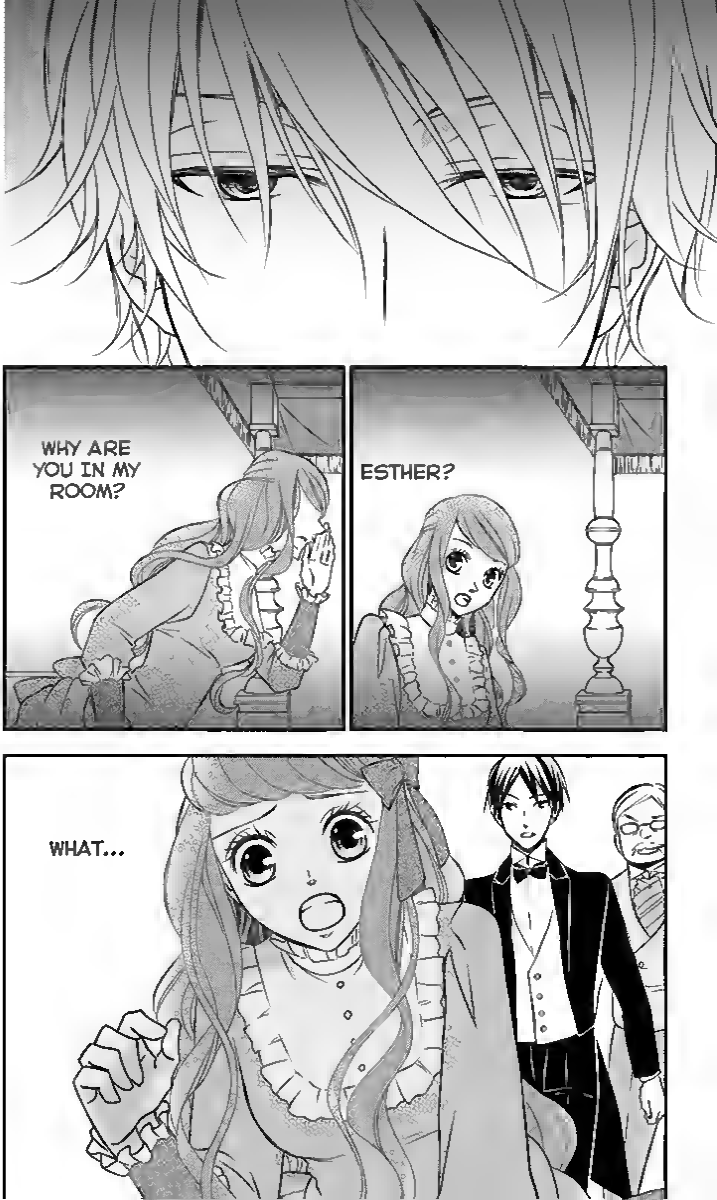
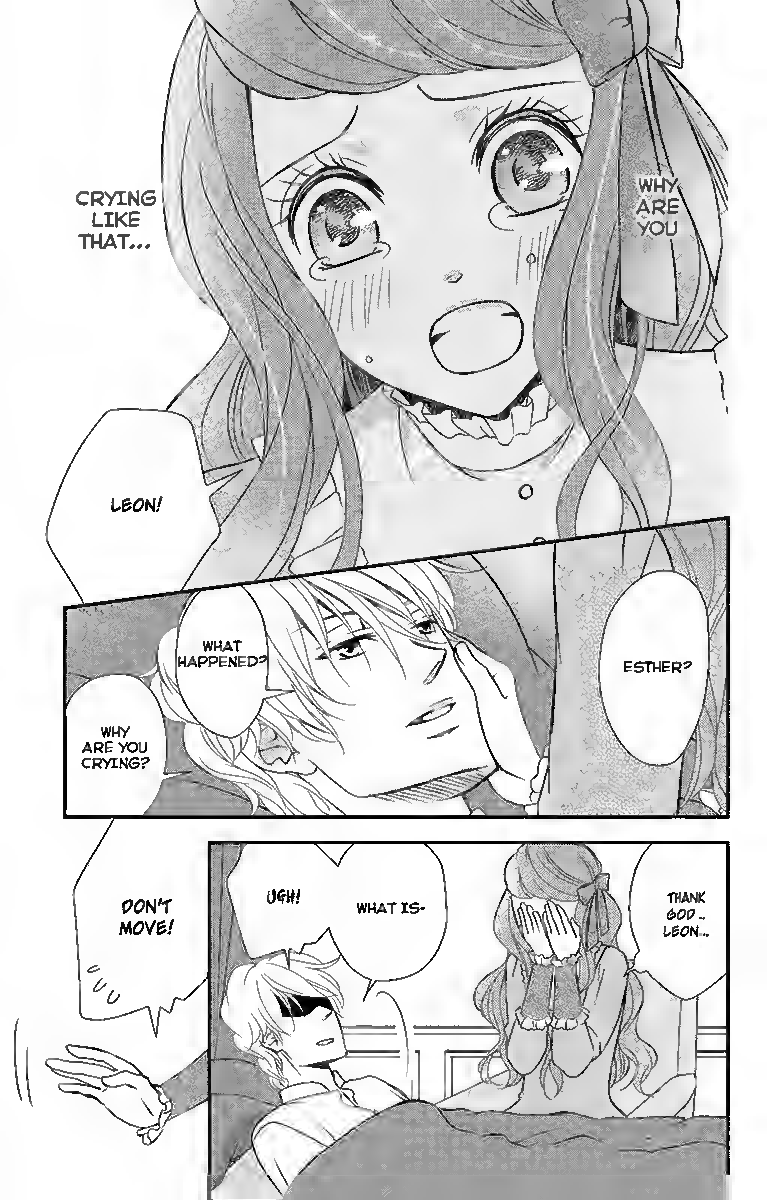
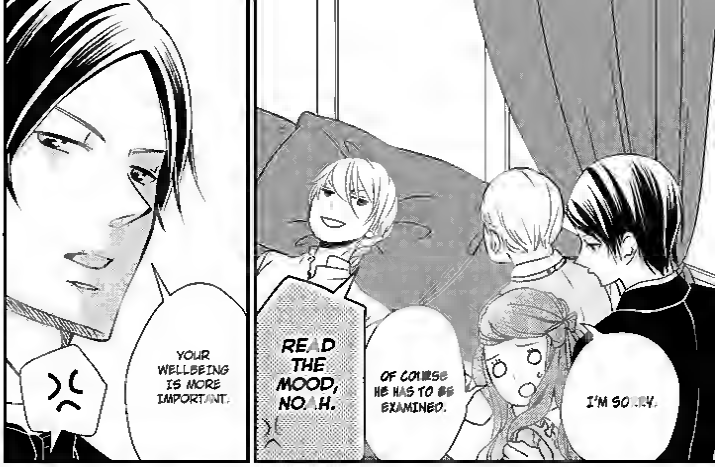
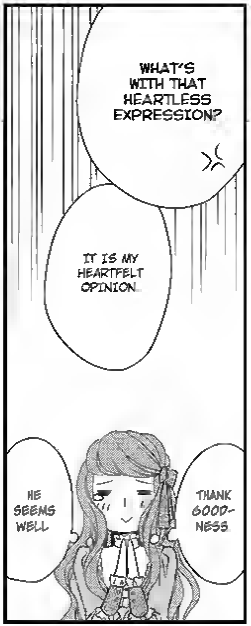

WHY ARE YOU IN MY ROOM?
ESTHER?
WHAT...

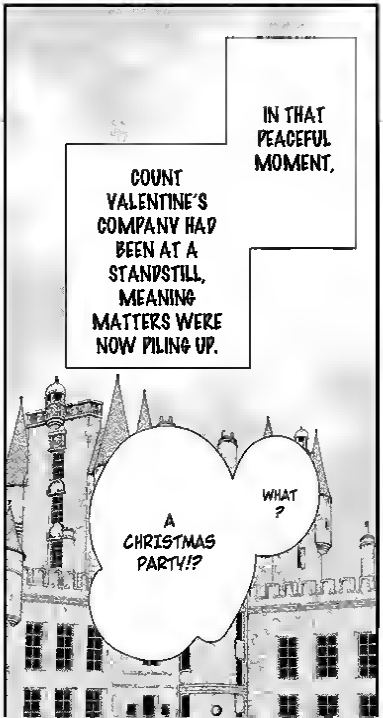

WHY ARE YOU
CRYING LIKE THAT...
LEON!
ESTHER?
WHAT HAPPENED?
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
THANK GOD.. LEON..
UGH!
WHAT IS-
DON'T MOVE!

YOU'VE BEEN SLEEPING FOR TWO DAYS!
YOU WERE BADLY BLEEDING AFTER THE VAMPIRE STABBED YOU.
AND YOUR FEVER WAS TERRIBLY HIGH
OH...
REALLY!
PLEASE STOP THIS KIND OF RECKLESS BEHAVIOR.
DANCING LIKE THAT, WHEN I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW
NOT KNOWING WHETHER YOU WOULD WAKE UP OR NOT...
I WAS REALLY SCARED...

LEON..
ESTHER...
SORRY.
CLAP
WELL MISS ESTHER, IF YOU WOULD COME BACK OVER HERE
GO AHEAD DOCTOR


I'M SO GLAD.
OF COURSE HE HAS TO BE EXAMINED.
READ THE MOOD, NOAH.
YOUR WELLBEING IS MORE IMPORTANT.


THANK GOODNESS
HE SEEMS WELL
IT IS MY HEARTFELT OPINION.
WHAT'S WITH THAT HEARTLESS EXPRESSION?


A CHRISTMAS PARTY!?
WHAT?
COUNT VALENTINE'S COMPANY HAD BEEN AT A STANDSTILL, MEANING MATTERS WERE NOW PILING UP.
IN THAT PEACEFUL MOMENT,

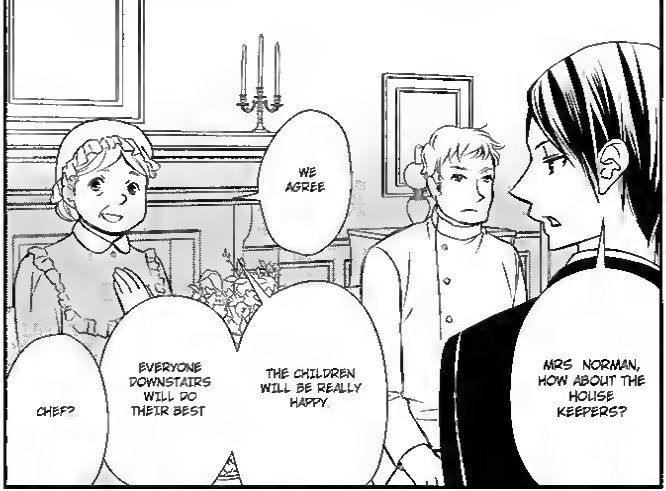
HERE IN THE MANSION?!
YES, IT IS A TRADITION WHERE THE CHILDREN OF THE SURROUNDING AREA ARE ALL INVITED
BUT
IT SEEMS THIS YEAR IT WILL HAVE TO BE CANCELLED
EH?
WITH MASTER LEON IN THIS STATE, THERE IS SIMPLY NO WAY
NO!

THIS EVENT HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE VALENTINE HOUSEHOLD FOR GENERATIONS.
MY MOTHER CONTINUED IT UNTIL HER VERY DEATH.
I CANNOT ALLOW SUCH A BREAK IN MY GENERATION.
I UNDER-STAND.
THE FASTER YOU RECOVER, THE FASTER YOU CAN GET BACK TO WORK
I UNDER-STAND.
YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO BE CARELESS
I UNDER-STAND.
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT SAY THAT.
BUT THE USUAL PAPERWORK IS OF A HIGHER PRIORITY
YOU'RE QUITE PER-SISTENT NOAH.
BUT THERE IS SIMPLY TOO MUCH WORK.
YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW THAT?

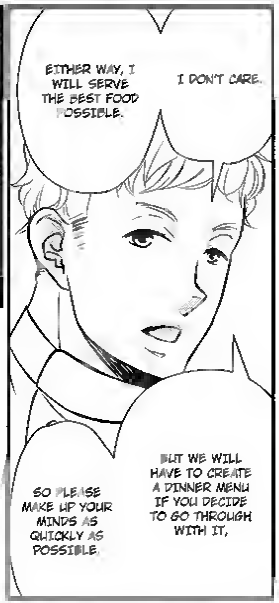
E- EXCUSE ME..
カッ
THEN WHY DON'T YOU
LEAVE THE CHRISTMAS PARTY PREPARATIONS TO ME?
THIS EVENT IS USUALLY RUN BY THE WOMEN OF THE HOUSEHOLD, RIGHT?
YES
ESTHER?
LEON HAS BEEN CONTINUING AFTER HIS MOTHER, SO...
THEN LEAVE IT TO ME!

AFTER ALL,
I AM YOUR WIFE.

EVEN THOUGH...
I'M ONLY A FAKE ONE,
I STILL WANT TO BE OF SOME HELP.
IT IS A GOOD IDEA.
I WILL DO MY BEST TO ASSIST YOU.
THANK YOU, NOAH.


MRS NORMAN, HOW ABOUT THE HOUSE KEEPERS?
THE CHILDREN WILL BE REALLY HAPPY.
EVERYONE DOWNSTAIRS WILL DO THEIR BEST
CHEF?
WE AGREE.

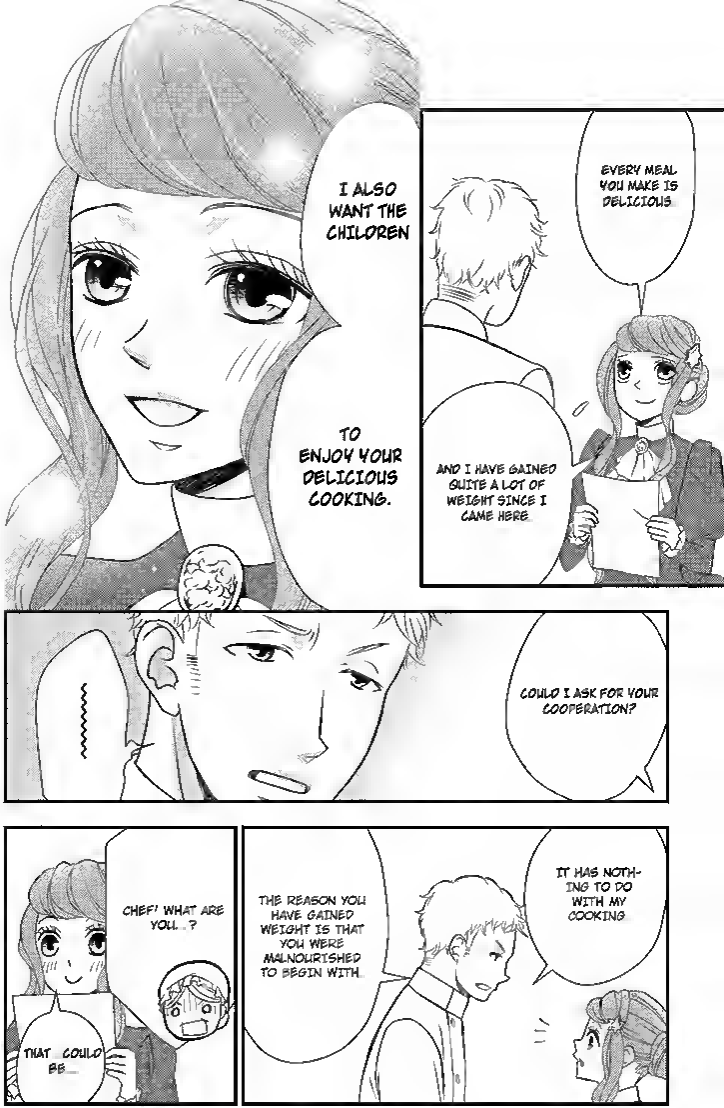
I SEE.
THEN IF MISS ESTHER DOES THE ARRANGEMENTS,


I DON'T CARE.
EITHER WAY, I WILL SERVE THE BEST FOOD POSSIBLE.
BUT WE WILL HAVE TO CREATE A DINNER MENU IF YOU DECIDE TO GO THROUGH WITH IT,
SO PLEASE MAKE UP YOUR MINDS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

WOULD THAT BE ALRIGHT WITH YOU, MASTER LEON?

BLUSH
?
.....
YES...IT DOESN'T MATTER.
I ENTRUST IT TO MY WIFE.
I'LL DO MY BEST!
DECORATION PLANS FOR THE BALL
IT SHOULD BE SHINING BRIGHTLY LIKE THIS
AS FOR THE TREE OVER HERE...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND
THAT IS SPELT WRONG
SENDING OUT INVITATIONS
AND LIKE THIS BUSY DAYS STARTED.

DECIDING ON THE DINNER MENU
YES...BUT WILL THE CHILDREN EVEN LIKE THIS KIND OF FOOD?
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH MY COOKING!
IF THEY DON'T LIKE IT, THEY DON'T HAVE TO EAT IT.
CHEF VS HOUSE KEEPER
...
YOU'RE SO STUBBORN!
THAT MIGHT BE, BUT YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT COOKING!
THIS SEASONING IS FLAW-LESS!
CHEF,
COULDN'T YOU MAKE IT A BIT MILDER?
BUT MADAM.
MONSIEUR OUMAS, YOUR COOKING IS BRILLIANT.


I ALSO WANT THE CHILDREN
TO ENJOY YOUR DELICIOUS COOKING.
EVERY MEAL YOU MAKE IS DELICIOUS
AND I HAVE GAINED QUITE A LOT OF WEIGHT SINCE I CAME HERE
COULD I ASK FOR YOUR COOPERATION?
CHEF! WHAT ARE YOU...?
THAT COULD BE...
THE REASON YOU HAVE GAINED WEIGHT IS THAT YOU WERE MALNOURISHED TO BEGIN WITH.
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH MY COOKING

I HAVE TO REVIEW THE MENU AGAIN
FROM THE BEGINNING
EXCUSE ME
CHEF!
SLAM
ESTHER, ARE YOU SURE IT'S NOT TOO MUCH?
WE COULD CANCEL THE USUAL LESSONS

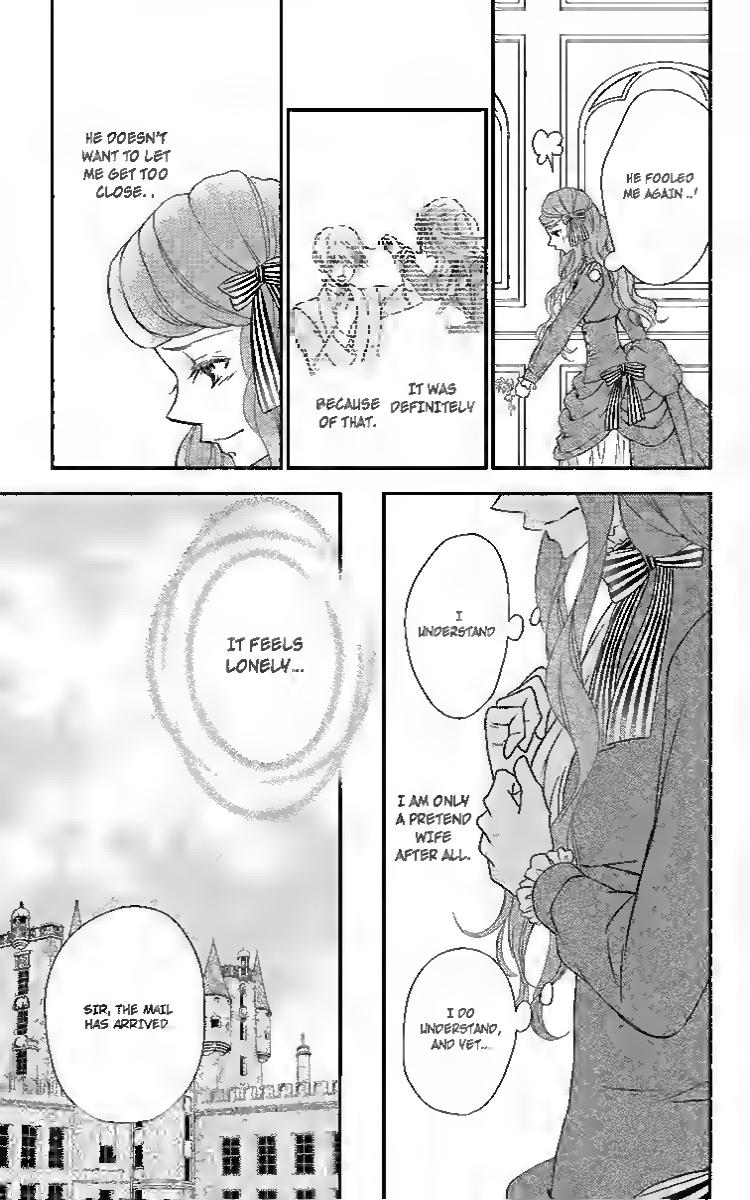
IT'S ALRIGHT!
SAY AAH
EVERYONE IS TEACHING ME A LOT OF THINGS, SO EVERY DAY IS FUN
I SEE. I'M ALSO HAVING FUN THESE DAYS.
YOU ARE?
HAVING YOU VISIT ME EVERY DAY,
ASSISTING ME LIKE THIS...
I REALLY
JUST WANT YOU TO REST PROPERLY.
AND I WILL, AFTER I'VE FINISHED LOOKING OVER THESE DOCUMENTS.
THEN, I'LL MAKE YOU SOME HERBAL TEA TO HELP YOU SLEEP

YOU'RE MAKING IT?
JEANIE TAUGHT ME
I WILL GO GET THE WATER
PARLOR MAID
HERE YOU GO
I DON'T KNOW IF I DID IT WELL THOUGH..
THANK YOU
EXCUSE ME
OH!
Shake
Spill
SORRY, LEON!
FORGIVE ME MISS ESTHER
I DID NOT KNOW YOU WERE HERE.
NOAH, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE TEA.

PLEASE TAKE IT OFF
YOU'LL GET BURNT
DON'T TOUCH ME!

LEON..?
DON'T DO THAT..
YOU'RE...
SORRY.
I'LL ASK NOAH TO HELP ME CLEAN IT.
BUT IT'S REALLY WET, YOU SHOULD AT LEAST CHANGE YOUR
I'M OK. IT WASN'T HOT ENOUGH TO SCALD ME.
ESTHER, PLEASE UNDERSTAND
THEN I'LL HELP AS WELL.

IF I COULD STAY CALM WHILE YOU WERE TOUCHING MY NAKED BODY...
I WOULD NOT BE A MAN.
ARE YOU FINE WITH THAT?
PLEASE CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES.
SLAM!
I WILL NOT!
ONCE MY INJURIES ARE HEALED, YOU CAN TOUCH ME AS MUCH AS YOU WANT THOUGH.


HE DOESN'T WANT TO LET ME GET TOO CLOSE..
IT WAS DEFINITELY BECAUSE OF THAT.
HE FOOLED ME AGAIN..!
IT FEELS LONELY...
SIR, THE MAIL HAS ARRIVED
I UNDERSTAND
I AM ONLY A PRETEND WIFE AFTER ALL.
I DO UNDERSTAND, AND YET...

ONE LETTER IN PARTICULAR APPEARS QUITE BOTHERSOME
BUT IT IS NOT ADDRESSED TO YOU
?
IF IT ISN'T TO ME, THEN GIVE IT TO WHOMEVER...
EXCUSE ME I HAVE BROUGHT MISS ESTHER
? ?

!?
WHA, WHAT'S THIS MATTER?
...MY WIFE.
tap tap
THERE YOU ARE,
A LETTER ARRIVED,
ADDRESSED TO ELMER.
ME!?
BUT...
THERE IS NO SENDER,
THE SEAL
BEARS GILBERT'S MARK
GILBERT?!
I EXAMINED THE CONTENTS, AND-
!

YOU OPENED IT?! BUT IT WAS SENT TO ME
OF COURSE I DID.
IT'S A LETTER FROM A VAMPIRE TO THE WINTERSON FAMILY.
Humph.
YES, THE CONTENTS ARE SO AWFUL IT'S EVEN HARD TO LOOK AT.
THAT'S AWFUL...
"I HAD FUN AT THE BALL THE OTHER DAY,
WALTZING WITH YOU BENEATH THE STARS."
"I WILL REMEMBER THE SWEET TASTE OF YOUR BLOOD TILL THE NEXT TIME WE MEET."
...AND SO ON.
THE SECRET LOVE AFFAIR BETWEEN THE VAMPIRE KING AND THE VAMPIRE HUNTER'S BRIDE.
HOW RIDICULOUS.

IT SEEMS YOU TWO ARE GETTING ALONG EXTREMELY WELL.
"CHRIS"?
THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE MASTER CHRIS MAKES IT SOUND SO STRANGE
TAKES OFF
BUT IT'S NO GOOD.
THAT'S TYRANNY!
TYRANNY? WHAT'S SO WRONG ABOUT IT?
YOU SHOULDN'T BE-
LEON!
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU IF YOU MEET THAT MAN AGAIN.
AND I'LL DESTROY THE LETTER.
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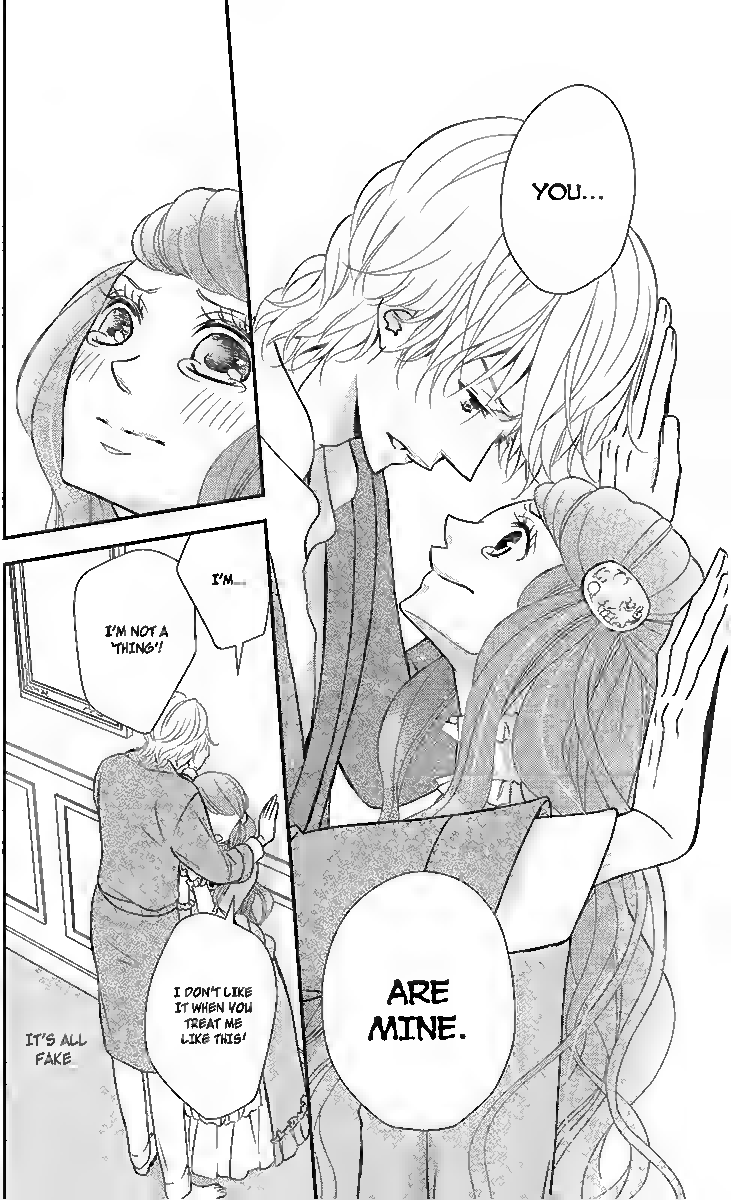
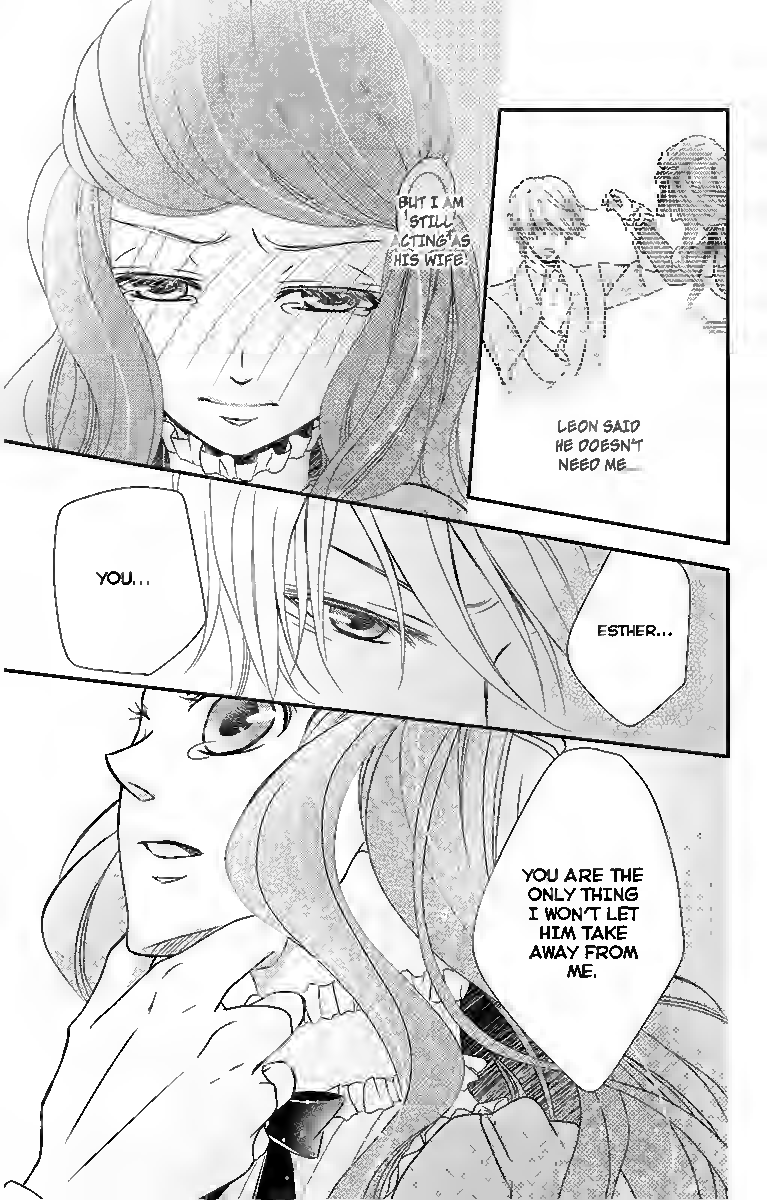

YOU...
ARE MINE.
I'M...
I'M NOT A "THING"!
I DON'T LIKE IT WHEN YOU TREAT ME LIKE THIS!
IT'S ALL FAKE


BUT I AM STILL ACTING AS HIS WIFE!
LEON SAID HE DOESN'T NEED ME...
YOU...
ESTHER...
YOU ARE THE ONLY THING I WON'T LET HIM TAKE AWAY FROM ME.

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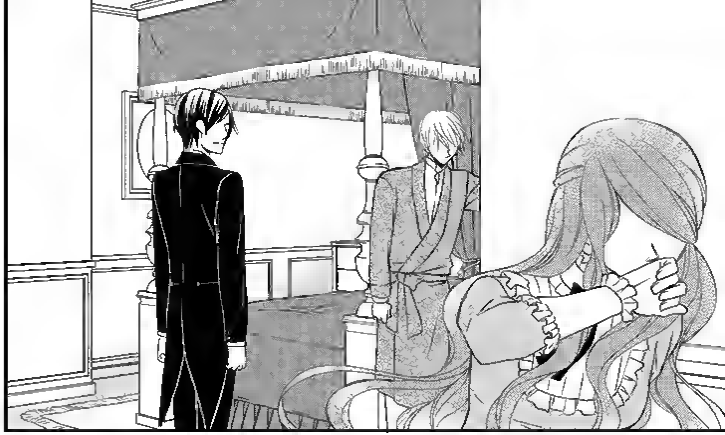

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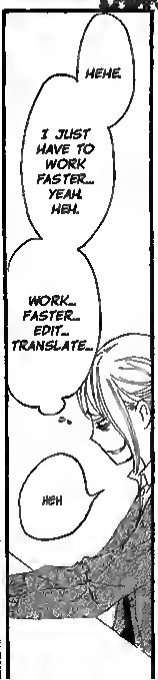

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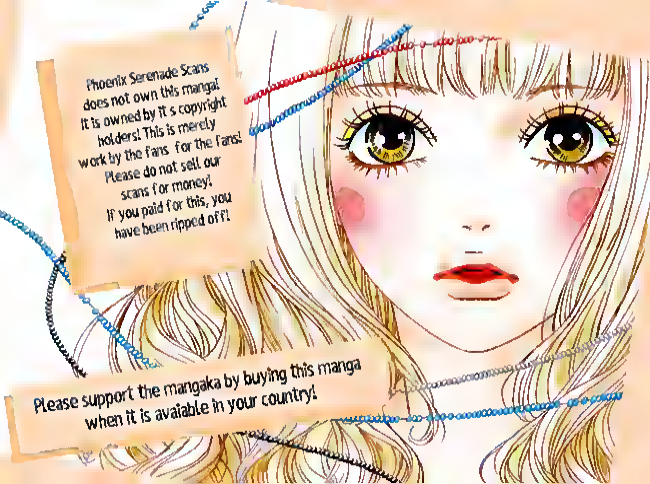
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